

Abstract of the Invention

5           An enforcement architecture and method for implementing digital rights  
management are disclosed. Digital content is distributed from a content server to a  
computing device of a user and received, and an attempt is made to render the digital  
content by way of a rendering application. The rendering application invokes a Digital  
Rights Management (DRM) system, and such DRM system determines whether a right to  
10   render the digital content in the manner sought exists based on any digital license stored in  
the computing device and corresponding to the digital content. If the right does not exist, a  
digital license that provides such right and that corresponds to the digital content is  
requested from a license server, and the license server issues the digital license to the  
DRM system. The computing device receives the issued digital license and stores the  
15   received digital license thereon.

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